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1. CEAUSESCU'S LENGTHY PLENUM SPEECH (SCINTEIA) NOVEMBER 30 ON 1974 ECONOMIC PLAN AND BUDGET, ENERGY PROBLEMS, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CONTINUES PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED CONCERN (REFTELS) OVER GLITCHES, WASTE, BOTTLENECKS AND OTHER "MISTAKES" IN ROMANIAN ECONOMY BUT SETS HIGH GROWTH GOALS FOR 1974 AND SHOWS MORE OPTIMISM ON FOREIGN TRADE AND OVERALL PAYMENTS BALANCE. GENERAL OUTLINES OF 1973 INDUSTRIAL PLAN APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MET, NOW POSSIBLY INCLUDING EXPORT PLAN, WHICH STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM WORLD MARKET PRICE INCREASES. AGRICULTURAL YEAR WAS MEDIOCRE AND OTHER STRAINS MAY BEGIN TO APPEAR BECAUSE OF CUTBACKS IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION.

2. DESPITE SEVERAL SOFT AREAS IN DOMESTIC ECONOMY INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, SHORTAGE OF RAW MATERIALS, AND NEWLY INTRODUCED

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UNCERTAINTIES IN ENERGY FIELD, CEAUSESCU IS APPARENTLY LOOKING

TO THE STRONG POINTS IN ECONOMY THIS YEAR SUCH AS OVERALL INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT AND THE EXPORT SECTOR (WHICH SHOULD END 1973 WITH TRADE SURPLUS) TO MAINTAIN HIGH DOMESTIC GROWTH RATES. IN EXTERNAL SECTOR THE APPARENT CONTINUATION OF AN IMPROVED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION, BASED PRIMARILY ON GROWING EXPORTS AND INCREASING EARNINGS FROM TOURISM, WAS PROBABLY BEHIND CEAUSESCU'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN HIS SPEECH THAT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WILL "BE IN EQUILIBRIUM" NEXT YEAR. PERHAPS CARRIED AWAY IN HIS OPTIMISM OVER EXTERNAL SECTOR, CEAUSESCU ALSO SAID THAT BY 1980 ROMANIAN WOULD LIQUIDATE GREATER PARTY IF NOT ALL OF ITS EXTERNAL DEBT, AND THAT BEGINNING NEXT YEAR ROMANIA WOULD ATTEMPT TO DISCONTINUE FOREIGN PAYMENTS FOR IMPORTS THROUGH USE OF CREDITS SINCE "EQUIPMENT WE IMPORT ON CREDIT COSTS US 15 PERCENT MORE."

3. CEAUSESCU'S REVIEW OF ROMANIA'S ACTIVIST FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES GENERALLY FOLLOWED STANDARD LINES, EXCEPT THAT NEW EMPHASIS PUT ON USSR-ROMANIAN RELATIONS (INCLUDING "USEFUL EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" AT CRIMEAN SUMMIT) PLUS LACK OF SPECIFIC MENTION OF CHINA CONTRASTED WITH USUAL EVENHANDEDNESS. HOWEVER, AS USUAL, REFERENCE TO CEMA STRESSED INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND "FREE CONSENT" WITHOUT MENTION OF "INTEGRATION." CZECHOSLOVAK-ROMANIAN RELATIONS TREATED RELATIVELY MORE WARMLY. TWO-SENTENCE MENTION OF FORTHCOMING CEAUSESCU US VISIT NOTED ITS "POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION." TIMING ON ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS NOW "LAST QUARTER OF 1974", WHICH OVERTAKES RECENT INFORMED ROMANIAN SPECULATION HERE THAT JULY OR AUGUST LIKELY DATES.
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